

Chief, Shipbuilding Branch, D/I/RR

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Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

Reduction of Intelligence Maintenance Time in I/SH for FY 58.

REF : Memorandum from Chief, Shipbuilding Branch to Chief, Industrial Division dated 28 March 1957, same subject.

1. In referenced memorandum Chief, Shipbuilding Branch requests approval of a plan which will reduce intelligence maintenance time spent by the Branch. This could be accomplished by dropping all maintenance on four categories of responsibility. These categories are:

- a. Industries producing Naval Ordnance
- b. The shipbuilding industries of Albania, Bulgaria, North Korea and Communist Indo China.
- c. Shipbuilding for the Bloc in Italy, Japan and France.
- d. All ship component and ship equipment industries except main propulsion machinery.

2. In reviewing the items which are recommended for dropping, I find that they are of very low priority and that we have as yet never produced definitive reports on these subjects. However, I feel that the Branch cannot completely be relieved of all maintenance responsibilities on these subjects.

3. Approval is granted to relieve the Branch of responsibility for the maintenance of intelligence on these subjects with respect to minute details under the condition that the Branch maintains an awareness of highly significant developments on these subjects. This directive is to be interpreted to require almost complete relaxation of the responsibility of covering these items by means of extensive files or extensive detailed search for bits and pieces of intelligence. Rather it should be interpreted as to direct the Branch to keep aware of the one or perhaps two significant items which might appear each year on these subjects.

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4. It is suggested that the other responsibilities of the Branch be reviewed with the objective of adding more items of very low priority to this list, if necessary, so that the full effort of the Branch be devoted to producing and maintaining intelligence on its high priority responsibilities.

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